

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~The use of a lupeol-rich extract for the production of a pharmaceutical or cosmetic composition~~ for treating or preventing connective tissue degeneration in the dermis and/or the cartilage, in particular the articular cartilage, and/or the gingival connective tissue, related to a collagen, in particular collagen type I, II, III, IV or V, production anomaly, consisting of administering to a patient in need thereof a composition comprising a lupeol-rich extract.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The use as claimed in~~ method of claim 1, for activating the synthesis of heat shock proteins, ~~in particular of HSP47.~~
3. (Currently Amended) ~~The use as claimed in either one of the preceding claims~~ method of claim 1, wherein said connective tissue degeneration is selected from the group consisting of characterized in that the pharmaceutical composition is for treating and/or preventing articular pathologies such as arthrosis, or periodontal diseases, such as gingivitis or periodontitis, or for treating stretch marks or for preventing their appearance.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The use, as claimed in either one~~ method of claims claim 1 and 2, ~~of the cosmetic composition as a cicatrizing agent, a restructuring agent and an anti-sagging agent for the skin and/or the mucous membranes~~ for improving cicatrisation process, for restructuring the skin and/or the mucous membranes, for treating and/or preventing the sagging of the skin and/or the mucous membranes.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ method of use as claimed in claim 4, for improving the resistance of the characterized in that the cosmetic composition allows the connective tissues to withstand shock(s) under a physical stress, such as a weight gain, excess weight, or a distension of said tissues in particular in the context of a pregnancy, or irradiation, in particular ultraviolet irradiation.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~The use as claimed in~~ method of claim 4 ~~or 5~~, for preventing and/or delaying skin aging, and/or for preventing and/or treating stretch marks or their appearance.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ method use as claimed in any one of claims of claim 4 to 6, characterized in that the cosmetic composition is intended for wherein said patients are pregnant women.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~use, as claimed in~~ method of claim 4, ~~of the~~ wherein said composition as is a mouthwash or toothpaste.
9. (Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in any one~~ method of claims ~~claim 4 to 8,~~ wherein characterized in that ~~the cosmetic composition is for topical application~~ said composition is topically applied.
10. (Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in any one~~ method of claims ~~claim 4 to 9,~~ wherein characterized in that the cosmetic composition comprises between 0.001 and 10% by weight of lupeol-rich extract.
11. (Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ method of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the extract has a lupeol content of greater than 30% by weight, ~~preferably greater than 50% by weight.~~
12. (Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in~~ method of claim ~~11~~ 23, characterized in that wherein the extract has a lupeol content of between 70 and 100% by weight.
13. (Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ method of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the lupeol is obtained from pods of lupinus albus, ~~preferably lupinus albus variety Arès carrying the pauper gene.~~
14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the cartilage is articular cartilage.
15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the collagen is collagen type I, II, III, IV or V.
16. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the heat shock proteins are HSP47.
17. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said articular pathologies are arthrosis.
18. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said periodontal diseases are gingovitis or periodontitis.
19. (New) The method of claim 3, for preventing appearance of stretch marks.
20. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein said physical stress is selected from the group consisting of a weight gain, excess weight, a distension of said tissues, or an irradiation.
21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the distension of said tissues occurs in the context of a pregnancy.
22. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said irradiation is an ultraviolet irradiation.

23. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the extract has a lupeol content of greater than 50% by weight.
24. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the lupeol is lupinus albus variety Arès carrying the pauper gene.
25. (New) The method of claim 2, for improving cicatrisation process, for restructuring the skin and/or the mucous membranes, for treating and/or preventing the sagging of the skin and/or the mucous membranes.